

Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mary Streeter, Chair, in the Town Room at the Town Hall.

Committee Members in Attendance: Mary Streeter, Chair; Paris Boice (left at 8:00), Vice-Chair; Marilyn Blaustein, Jim Brissette, Jim Oldham, Diana Stein.

Absent: Peter Jessop, Laura Lovett, Pari Riahi.

Staff / Others in Attendance: Sonia Aldrich (left at 7:47, Larry Kelley (left early).

Agenda items discussed:

- Work on draft CPA Plan (Historic Preservation, Housing, etc.).
- Public Comment.
- Approve any minutes. 8/25 & 9/29
- Review financial status.
- Announcements & Updates.
- Topics the Chair did not reasonably anticipate 48 hours before the meeting.

Public Comment – None

Announcements & Updates

Mary listed a couple of potential projects we may receive. Jim B. said LSSE is working on a project. Mary asked members to contact folks as there is still a month left to submit proposals. She learned that the barn in South Amherst that was voted at Town Meeting has a For Sale sign. We should find out the status of this during the updates at our December meeting. The CPA Coalition Newsletter said the State CPA Fund is \$1.63 million higher this year than last year and has steadily increased each month for the last 6 months. They are looking forward to the Governor transferring \$10 million into the fund. That would increase the State match for Round One from 18% to 20%. Amherst, as a 3% community, will receive additional funds in the rounds two and three. The Town has not yet heard whether it has received the PARC grant for the North Common.

Review financial status – Everything is the same as last time.

Work on draft CPA Plan (Historic Preservation, Housing, etc.)

We reviewed the CPA Plan Introduction. It might make sense to complete this after the rest of the plan is done since the introduction mentions what is actually in the plan. Jim B. added some content to the recreation section. Diana commented that the word "Support" in the CPA law is unclear. She made some suggestions for improving the plan and offered to work on the Frequently Asked Questions section. Paris projected the current version of the Plan for all to see. Some folks prefer to read the new sections at home where they can reflect better rather than during meeting time. Marilyn thought we should include more web links in the Plan. We can add those at the end. Several members would like to see a short Plan. We discussed the possibility of forming a subcommittee but decided not to do that at this time since we are unclear about the requirements of a subcommittee. We strongly encourage individuals to work on their sections. Eventually we will be required to have a public hearing on the Plan itself. We agreed by consensus to table the Plan for a few months, as we will be quite busy with the new projects coming in December.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015

Approve any minutes:

Motion by Jim B. to approve minutes of 8/25/15 as amended; seconded by Marilyn. Voted 4 – 0 – 1
(Marilyn abstained as she was absent from the meeting.

Motion by Marilyn to approve minutes of 9/29/15; seconded by Jim O. Voted 5 - 0.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:22. Voted 5 – 0.

Documents Distributed

Agenda, 1 page

Financial Status for CPA Funds 10-Nov-15, 1 page

Draft Meeting Minutes, 8/25/15, 5 pages

Draft Meeting Minutes, 9/29/15, 3 pages

Community Preservation Plan Draft Outline Sep 29, 2015, 9 pages

CPA Plan Introduction Draft 2 2015-11-10, 1 page

Respectfully submitted by Mary Streeter, acting clerk

Approved December 17, 2015